

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1, 12, and 21 have been amended to provide that claimed apparatus are utilized for transferring dosage forms carrying a medicament. Support for this feature is found on page 3, lines 25-26. No new matter has been added.

The substrate be transferred is a significant point as the transfer devices disclosed in the present application can fundamentally change the manner of manufacturing dosage forms. Current transfer practices do not provide control over individual dosage forms and therefore limit the options for subsequent processing in which controlled delivery is needed. The transfer devices disclosed and claimed herein accept individual dosage forms from one processing system and are capable of delivering the same to a following processing step in an efficient and reliable manner. Those skilled in the relevant art of pharmaceutical manufacturing have not, based on the prior art of record, developed transfer devices are claimed herein for dosage forms containing a medicament. It is improper to introduce references and transfer systems that are designed for substantially different articles of manufacture. For these reasons, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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